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## **THE HISTORY OF MIDWEST**

Mid West Fabricating Company is a leader in the cold forming of steel wire into special fasteners and rods for automotive and lawn and garden customers, as well as a magnitude of components for various industrial and consumer products. Cold working the metal through heading, extruding, bending, coining, piercing, roll forming, and thread rolling often produces parts that are more cost effective, stronger and of more uniform quality than competitive processes.

Mid West Fabricating Company is a family owned corporation that was started in 1945 by Stanton Johns and Robert Kinkaid. The company started in Columbus, Ohio manufacturing lawn and garden tools and automobile parts. In 1946, the company moved to Amanda and Kinkaid sold his interest to Herb Orr. Stanton Johns and Herb Orr became an approved supplier for General Motors. In 1953, Herb Orr sold his stake in the company to Stanton Johns.

At the request of General Motors, Mid West started a west coast division in Southern California in 1961. This plant supplied automotive parts to west coast assembly plants and bent bolts for water lines. Mid West expanded its cold forming capabilities with the addition of the Rockmill plant in 1990. This cold heading division located in Lancaster, Ohio supplies a variety of specialty fasteners for the highway, utility and housing markets.

Today Mid West still supplies cold formed components to its original automotive and lawn and garden customers as well as hundreds of customers in industries world wide.

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